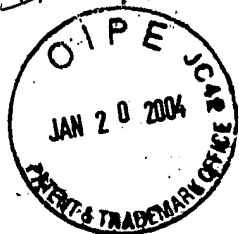


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In response to the Office Action, mailed December 17, 2003, the Applicant requests
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